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In view of applicant's request for an interference with US 5,877,159 and the accompanying showing under 37 §1.608(b) the previous Office Action is vacated. The issues surrounding the instant application and US 6,531,313 will also be submitted to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

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